## **HOUSE BILL 2851**

## By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, relative to parenting plans.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-403(2), is amended by inserting the following language after the second sentence:

If mediation is ordered pursuant to this subdivision (2), it shall not take place until both parents attend a parent educational seminar pursuant to § 36-6-408, but shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after both parents attend such a seminar.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-408(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

In an action where a permanent parenting plan is or will be entered, each parent shall attend a parent educational seminar within forty-five (45) days from the filing of the complaint.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.